

# Yuma County

Program Year  
**2010-2011**

ARIZONA ADULT EDUCATION



Arizona  
Department of  
Education  
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Services

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*Adult Education  
delivers literacy  
services to  
out-of-school  
adults who are  
16 years of age  
and older and  
who are not  
enrolled in  
K-12 school.*

In Arizona, only providers who meet rigorous standards and produce positive student outcomes are funded. **Adult Literacy Plus of Southwest Arizona** and **South Yuma Adult Education Consortium** are the programs certified to provide adult education throughout Coconino County. The Arizona Department of Education-Adult Education Services allocated \$425,484 to Coconino County for adult education services for the Program Year 2010-2011.



## Yuma County's Adult Education **NEEDS**

Of the approximately 193,151 people living in Yuma County, 71% (136,630) are 18 years old and older. Of that number, 29% (39,259) lack a high school credential. 11% (1,225) of 16 to 19 year olds are not enrolled in school and do not have a high school diploma.

12% of individuals 18 years and older (15,881) live in "linguistically isolated" households (*all members of the household 14 years and over have at least some difficulty with English*).

Source: American Community Survey 2005-2009

## Yuma County Adult Education **DATA**

- 727 adults enrolled in Adult Education classes
- 74,723 instructional hours were provided in Adult Education classes
- \$6.00 of Adult Education funding was expended per instructional hour
- \$585 of Adult Education funding was expended per adult student  
(*compared to over \$6,000 funding per K-12 student*)
- 73% of enrolled students improved more than two grade levels
- 92% who sought a high school equivalency credential passed the GED® Test and earned a diploma
- 73% who sought a job found employment
- 87% who sought to retain or improve employment were successful
- 90% who had a goal of entering post-secondary education or training went on to further education
- **GED® Testing Data:** 847 Arizona High School Equivalency Diplomas were issued.



**Yuma County** has led Arizona Counties in linking Adult Education and Workforce Development. Adult Education programs in Yuma County received over \$208,000 in performance based incentive funding to integrate Adult Education and Post-secondary training in the Allied Healthcare field. Lessons learned from the Yuma County model have been implemented in Arizona's statewide initiative to build Adult Career Pathways in targeted industry sectors.



Data provided by Arizona Department of Education-Adult Education Services  
[www.ade.az.gov/adult-ed](http://www.ade.az.gov/adult-ed)

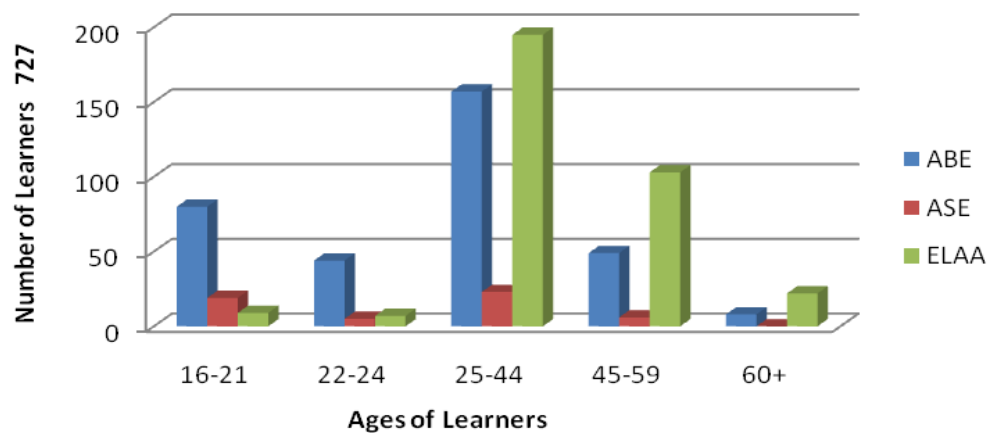
## SNAPSHOT: Adult Education in YUMA County

- 37,967 students were enrolled in public pre-school through high school during the 2009-2010 school year. Yuma County reported 12,096 public high school (Grades 9-12) students and a dropout rate for grades 7-12 in 2007-2008 of 3%. ADE-AES served 164 people under the age of 25, of whom 66% (108) were between ages 16 and 21.
- 46% of the adults in Yuma County enrolling in Adult Education classes had reading, writing, and/or math proficiency skills at eighth grade or below.
- 52% of adult learners in Yuma County are between the ages of 25 and 44.
- 33% of adult learners in Yuma County are employed.
- 29% (39,259) of the population 18 and over representing child-bearing and employment ages in Yuma County have less than a high school education. The 2003 National Assessment of Adult Literacy research confirms that the educational attainment of the parents, particularly that of the mother, has a direct bearing on the educational achievement of a child.
- The U.S. Department of Labor-Bureau of Labor Statistics has determined the 2008 median annual earnings difference between no diploma and a high school credential to be \$8,580. The 847 individuals earning a GED® in Yuma County represent a potential increase in taxable income of approximately \$7,267,260 per year.



Improving an adult's skills in reading, writing and/or math **SIGNIFICANTLY** increases his/her earning potential & ultimate contributions as a member of the workforce, a family, and the community for a lifetime.

### Yuma County Adult Learners



- **ABE** = **Adult Basic Education** Instruction in reading, writing, & math through 8<sup>th</sup> grade level.
- **ASE** = **Adult Secondary Education** Instruction in reading, writing, math, science & social studies. May lead to a high school equivalency diploma.
- **ELAA** = **English Language Acquisition for Adults** Instruction in listening, speaking, reading & writing for non-native English speakers.

*EL/Civics – Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education is provided throughout Arizona Adult Education programming.*